

## LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - All Filers Are Required to Complete This Page

1. Registrant Name ☒ Organization/Lobbying Firm ☐ Self Employed Individual

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE**

2. Address ☐ Check if different than previously reported

Address1 **777 6TH STREET, NW, SUITE 200** Address2

City **WASHINGTON** State **DC** Zip Code **20001** - Country **USA**

3. Principal place of business (if different than line 2)

City State Zip Code - Country

4a. Contact Name

b. Telephone Number c. E-mail

☐ International Number

**DANIEL COHEN**

**(202) 965-3500 dan.cohen@justice.org**

5. Senate ID#

**4733-12**

7. Client Name ☒ Self ☐ Check if client is a state or local government or instrumentality

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE**

6. House ID#

**312410000**

**TYPE OF REPORT** 8. Year **2009** Q1 (1/1 - 3/31) ☒ Q2 (4/1 - 6/30) ☐ Q3 (7/1-9/30) ☐ Q4 (10/1 - 12/31) ☐

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report ☐

10. Check if this is a Termination Report ☐ Termination Date 11. No Lobbying Issue Activity ☐

### INCOME OR EXPENSES - YOU MUST complete either Line 12 or Line 13

#### 12. Lobbying

**INCOME** relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:

Less than \$5,000 ☐

\$5,000 or more ☐ \$

Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$10,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).

#### 13. Organizations

**EXPENSE** relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:

Less than \$5,000 ☐

\$5,000 or more ☒ \$ **1,150,000.00**

**14. REPORTING** Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.

☒ **Method A.** Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only

☐ **Method B.** Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code

☐ **Method C.** Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

Signature Filed Electronically

Date 04/16/2009

Printed Name and Title Daniel Cohen; Director; National Affairs

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15. General issue area code

AVI

AVIATION/AIRLINES/AIRPORTS

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 915 (FAA Reauthorization Act); specific interest in issues pertaining to insurance for non-commercial aircraft, and the safety standard established by the issuance of an airworthiness certificate.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies

☐ Check if None

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE

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Susan	Steinman	Ms.		<input type="checkbox"/>
John	Bowman	Mr.	Chief of Staff; Reps L. Richardson; Wass.-Schultz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above

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CPT

COPYRIGHT/PATENT/TRADEMARK

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 1260/ S. 515/ S. 610 (Patent Reform Act); specific interest in provisions relating to venue for patent cases, and issues pertaining to the liability of banks when unlawfully using patented check imaging technology.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies

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CSP

CONSUMER ISSUES/SAFETY/PRODUCTS

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 1020 (Arbitration Fairness Act); to prohibit mandatory binding arbitration in consumer contracts.

H.R. 1237/ S. 512 (Fairness in Nursing Home Arbitration Act); relating to the use of arbitration agreements to resolve disputes involving nursing home care and nursing home contracts.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies

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Christine	Zinner	Ms.		<input type="checkbox"/>
Jill	Burke	Ms.	Leg. Ass't. Rep. Stark; Commun. Dir. Rep. Filner	<input type="checkbox"/>
John	Bowman	Mr.	Chief of Staff; Reps L. Richardson; Wass.-Schultz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Lobbying related to draft legislation to provide for service of process over foreign nationals in cases involving defective products causing injury in the United States.

Lobbying related to issues pertaining to the use of the product asbestos.

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FIN

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS/INVESTMENTS/SECURITIES

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 384 (TARP Reform and Accountability Act); specific interest in provision, not included in the bill as passed by the House, to require persons bringing an unsuccessful legal action against a servicer to bear the legal costs of such servicer, including attorneys' fees and expert witness fees.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies

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H.R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Act); specific interest in S. AMDT. 673 proposed by Senator Cornyn (not agreed to) to prohibit state attorneys general from entering into contingency fee agreements with private attorneys to enforce civil actions related to predatory lending practices.

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GOV

GOVERNMENT ISSUES

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 34 (Midnight Rule Act); to delay the implementation of agency rules adopted within the final 90 days of the final term a President serves.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies

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Bills relating to the operation of the federal courts:

H.R. 1508/ S. 537 (Sunshine in Litigation Act); relating to the use of protective orders, sealing of cases, and disclosure of discovery information in federal civil cases.

S. 603 (Frivolous Lawsuit Reduction Act); to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure relating to sanctions for certain pleadings, motions, and representations to the court.

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HCR

HEALTH ISSUES

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 1346/ S. 540 (Medical Device Safety Act); to amend the Food Drug and Cosmetic Act to clarify the scope of federal preemption of state law with regard to medical devices.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies

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S. 647 (Nursing Home Transparency and Improvement Act); To improve the transparency of information on skilled nursing facilities and nursing facilities, and to improve the targeting of the enforcement of requirements with respect to such facilities.

Lobbying (not bill specific) regarding the issue of subrogation as it applies to ERISA-covered health plans; also lobbying (not bill specific) regarding the issue of Medicare set-asides for claimant related medical expenses.

Lobbying with regard to draft legislation (not introduced following the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in Wyeth v. Levine), relating to the scope of federal preemption of state law with regard to FDA-regulated pharmaceuticals.

Lobbying in Congress regarding an HHS-issued rule limiting discovery from nursing home-related state survey agencies.

ADDENDUM for General Lobbying Issue

HCR - HEALTH ISSUES

Name			Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
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Dan	Cohen	Mr .		<input type="checkbox"/>
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LBR

LABOR ISSUES/ANTITRUST/WORKPLACE

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 635 (National Commission on State Workers' Compensation Laws Act); to establish the National Commission on State Workers' Compensation Laws.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE, Labor - Dept of (DOL)

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Lobbying in Congress and in the Executive Branch regarding a Department of Labor advisory opinion regarding the scope of federal preemption of state product liability claims involving the use of NIOSH-approved respirators.

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MAR

MARINE/MARITIME/BOATING/FISHERIES

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 1485/ S. 588 (Cruise Vessel Security and Safety Act); specific interest in Section 6 of the bill, amending the Death on the High Seas Act.

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TAX

TAXATION/INTERNAL REVENUE CODE

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

S. 437; to allow the deduction of attorney-advanced expenses and court costs in contingency fee cases.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies

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TORT

TORTS

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 847 (James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act); specific interest in Title II relating to the September 11th Victim Compensation fund.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies

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S. 391 (Healthy Americans Act); specific interest in provisions in Title VI and VII relating to payments to States for implementing measures related to liability for medical malpractice.

Lobbying with regard to medical malpractice liability generally; also lobbying in response to Call to Action: Health Reform 2009 (a White Paper issued by Senator Baucus); specific interest in proposed health courts and other malpractice compensation models.

H.R. 1304; S. 449 (Free Speech Protection Act); to create a federal cause of action to determine whether defamation exists under United States laws in cases in which defamation actions have been brought in foreign courts against United States persons on the basis of publications or speech in the United States.

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TRU

TRUCKING/SHIPPING

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

General lobbying with regard to minimum insurance requirements for commercial trucks.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies ☐ Check if None

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Information Update Page - Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.

20. Client new address

Address

CityStateZip Code - Country

21. Client new principal place of business (if different than line 20)

CityStateZip Code - Country

22. New General description of client's business or activities

LOBBYIST UPDATE

23. Name of each previously reported individual who is no longer expected to act as a lobbyist for the client

	First Name	Last Name	Suffix		First Name	Last Name	Suffix
1	Charles	Benton	Mr.	3			
2				4			

ISSUE UPDATE

24. General lobbying issue that no longer pertains

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

25. Add the following affiliated organization(s)

Internet Address:

Name	Address				Principal Place of Business (city and state or country)
	Street Address				
	City	State/Province	Zip	Country	
					City
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					StateCountry

26. Name of each previously reported organization that is no longer affiliated with the registrant or client

1	2	3
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FOREIGN ENTITIES

27. Add the following foreign entities

Name	Address			Principal place of business (city and state or country)	Amount of contribution for lobbying activities	Ownership percentage in client
	Street Address	State/Province	Country			
	City			City StateCountry		%

28. Name of each previously reported foreign entity that no longer owns, or controls, or is affiliated with the registrant, client or affiliated organization

1	3	5
2	4	6

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